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Description: ff. iii + 109 + iii - Bound in red morocco in 1968 by NYPL. - Acquired from Ulrico Hoepli, Milan,in 1963. - Karl Kup, "A Medieval Codex of Italy," Natural History(Dec. 1963), 30-41. L.C. Arano, he Medieval Health Handbook: Tacuinum Sanitatis(1976). F. Unterkircher, Tacuinum Sanitatis in Medicina...Faksimilimeausgabe(Graz, 1967). - Jonathan J. G. Alexander, James H. Marrow and Lucy Freeman Sandler, The Splendor of the Word: Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts at the New York Public Library(London / Turnhout: The New York Public Library / Harvey Miller Publishers, 2005) n. 75.

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Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 8

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Language: Italian *Country:* Italy *Century:* 15th

Part 1: ff. 1-109v

Description: - Paper - 393 x 281 mm - Most pages have two quarters devoted to pictures and two to text (ca. 4- 20 lines). A few pages are full text. No visible ruling.

Country: Italy

Cardinal point:

Region: Veneto

City: Ferrara

Assigned Date: s. XV$^{3/4}$

Searchable Date Range: 1450 - 1475

Dated by scribe: No

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Document: No

Number of Scribes: ;

Script: Humanistic cursive

Figurative Decoration: 408 colored drawings of plants, trees, food, animals, and activities

Other Decoration: Red and blue initials with opposing-color decoration

Notes: Datable to after 1470-1472?; in a northern Italian dialect. Acc. to Kup, the direct ancestor of the illustration cycle in this ms. is the Latin TacuinumSanitatis, Vienna ONB 2644 (from ca. 1385 for the Cerruti family). Latin

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1: ff. 1-108

Author: Giovanni Cadamosto

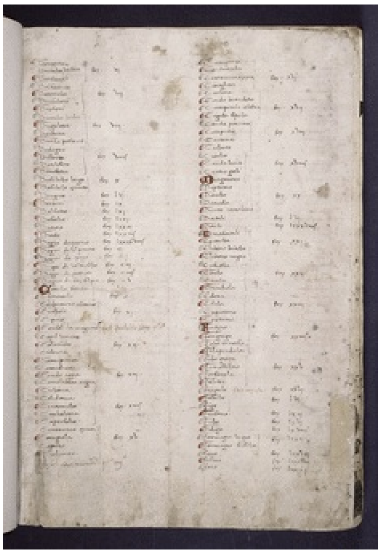
Title: Health Handbook

Language(s): Italian

Incipit: Artemexia e calda in terzo grado e secha in secondo, chi la bene secha

Explicit: e a laude del patrone de questo, el glorioso martire beato sebastiano che altre volta ha liberato questo nostro payese, e sia laudato deo. Finis.

Notes: Subject index, ff. 1-2v; properties, healthful and not, of plants, trees, food, meat, fish, game;water and baths; the training and healing of hunting birds; healing in time of plague in the city; additional notes, ff. 108v-109.



f. 1 Opening of subject index, alphabetical to the first letter only and arranged internally to the letter by the order of appearance in the text (as in a table of contents).

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f. 3 Opening of main text; drawings of two sorts of herbs, placed on the recto and on the verso in the same position so that there herb mirrors herb, and text mirrors text, avoiding bleed of color through the paper leaf.

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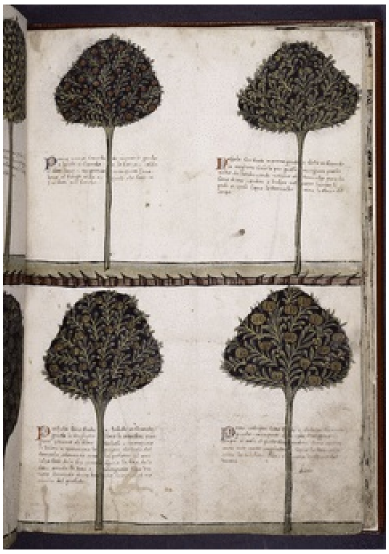

f. 59 Drawings of four kinds of fruit trees and explanatory texts.

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f. 68 Butchering of animals (an ox and a lamb).

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f. 82   Images showing hunting of elephant and ostrich.

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f. 101   Image of baths set within city walls.

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f. 102v   Image from section on falconry: the author teaching how to work with birds.

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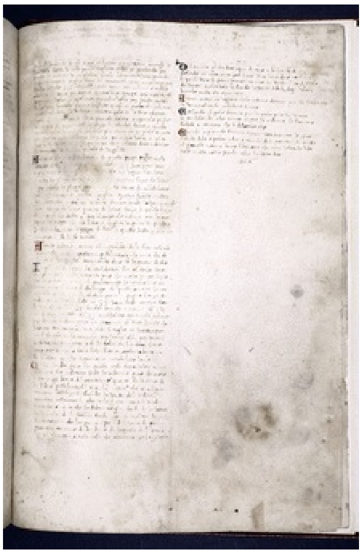

f. 108 Explicit of text.

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